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NOLEN "DANNY" GRIFFITH, JR Silent Key

Danny Griffith K5ARH, of Lafayette, became a Silent Key on the morning of January 2, 2013 at the age of 73.

Danny was a long time member of the Covenant United Methodist Church in Lafayette where he video taped the Sunday Worship Service and made CD copies for Church shut-ins and archives. He also helped with the Church "Pumpkin Patch" sales and ran movies for the Church.

He was one of the founding fathers of the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. in Lafayette, Louisiana, many years as club president, a licensed ham radio operator for 57 years, and administrated ham radio license test through the ARRL/VEC system and supervised VE Testing at the AARA Club meetings and at our annual AARA Hamfest, ARRL Official Bulletin Station, a lifetime member of the ARRL, for many years he was instrumental in maintaining the AARA club's two repeaters, NCS for the Gulf Coast Single Sideband Net for numerous years.

The list of Danny's achievements could go on forever and he will never be forgotten by all that knew him.

Our 53rd Annual Hamfest will be dedicated to the memory of Danny K5ARH.

At the present time, Danny's ham radio equipment is being inventoried and some of it may be up for sale at our AARA Hamfest in March, the larger equipment will be listed on the e-mail reflector at a later date.

Children's Museum of Acadiana Technician Classes

Starting on January 10, 2013, the AARA sponsored a Technician Class at the Children's Museum of Acadiana and still continuing at the present time. There are 21 young perspective new hams along with some parents. Most of the students are from Mrs. Terry Turner's class at Paul Breaux Middle School in Lafayette. They have been meeting at the CMA on Thursday evenings at 5:30 pm.

Heading the program is Nick Pugh K5QXJ. Those assisting in teaching and training are: Terry Turner KF5FYW, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, and Archie Hill W5AG. This week they will focus on components, and checking in on the Kid's 2 Meter Net on Thursday at 7:00 PM.

→ Class Picture



President's Message

Our annual AARA Hamfest is right around the corner and it looks like it is shaping up to be the best one yet, thanks to our Chairperson Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP, he has been busy trying to cover all corners by making a lot of contacts at other hamfests and promoting ours. Others involved in doing a great part of the work are Rick Breaux N5RLM & Joy Breaux N5YCS, handling the pre-registration and table allocations for dealer and swap tables, not to leave out others doing their part Roland NA5Q (website), Nick K5QXK (forums), Ed WA5TNK (RV) and many other workers too many to mention.

The February general meeting will consist of elections for the up-coming year. The nominating committee (Nick Pugh K5QXJ, chairman), will present their slate of officers, nominations will be taken from the floor, elections will be held and the new officers will be installed at the Saturday March 16 General Meeting which is our Hamfest Banquet Meeting.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK
AARA President

The AARA February General Meeting will take place on Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA.

VE TESTING TO-NIGHT @ 6:00 PM

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, February 7th @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE

Orange Hamfest - February 23rd
AARA Hamfest - March 8th & 9th

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Friday

HEAL Net 1st & 3rd Fridays Only 1:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

AARA OFFICERS 2012-2013

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AARA Monday Night Net Report

As most of you probably know, the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. hold a 2 meter net on Monday night at 7:00 pm on the 146.820 repeater in Lafayette, Louisiana. Our net control station and net manager is Mark Saltzman W5GTI. Mark has been calling the net for the last three years.

Each year the AARA recognizes the top check-ins during the previous year and a statistic report on the net. The 2012 totals went something like this:

Top Check-ins out of 53 sessions:

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Mark W5GTI - NCS | 53 |
| Greg K5LFT | 53 |
| Herman KN5GRK | 53 |
| Glen KF5FNP | 43 |
| Lance KF5NZB | 42 |

2012 Totals

| | |
|-----------------------|------|
| Different Call-signs: | 73 |
| Total Check-ins: | 723 |
| Total Time (minutes): | 1561 |
| Total Traffic: | 10 |

2011 Totals

| | |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Different Call-signs: | 17 |
| Total Check-ins: | 177 |
| Total Time (minutes): | 365 |
| Total Traffic: | 5 |

You can see from the above stats on the improvement the 2012 has over the 2011 stats.

Our club would like to thank Mark for the outstanding service he has given to make this net possible and for all the announcements he has done to keep us informed on what is happening in the amateur radio world in the Acadiana area.

THANKS MARK!

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January VE Test Results

The January 3, 2013 VE testing session resulted in the following:

Alfred J. Degeyter, Jr. of Parks, Louisiana received his Technician Class License.

Joshua C. Adkisson of Lafayette, Louisiana upgraded to General Class License.

VE's present for this session were: Greg Dolan II - K5LFT, Ric Wallace - KF5KEL, Mark Saltzman - W5GTI, and Mitch Romero - KB5TWL.

TNX Guys!!!!
73 Greg K5LFT

Orange Hamfest 2013

Hosted by:
Orange Amateur Radio Club

&

Jefferson County Amateur Radio Club

WHEN: Saturday, February 23rd, 2013

WHERE: VFW Hall, 5303 16th Street, Hwy 87 North, 1-mile North of I-10, Orange, Texas 77632

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5.00 per person.

Grand Prizes:

1st Kenwood TS-480SAT HF radio

2nd Kenwood TM-281A 2M mobile

3rd Kenwood TH-K20A 2M HT

Tickets: 1-\$1.00, 6-\$5.00, 12-\$10.00 etc.

Do not have to be present for Grand Prize but must be present for door prizes.

VE Testing @10:00 a. m.

FOOD: The Ladies of the VFW will have coffee, soft drinks, and food available for your purchase Saturday.

Contacts For Hamfest Information:

Rocky Wilson (409)-988-8906 or

Email: orangearc@live.com

Delores Heintschel (409)-962-1435

or Email: kc5neo@gt.rr.com

Website:

<http://www.qsl.net/w5nd/>

JANUARY 2013 AARA MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2013

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President Herman KN5GRK opened the meeting.
- Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. We prayed for Silent Key Danny Griffith K5ARH. There were 23 members in attendance. Herman read emails about Danny.
- Joshua Adkisson KF5SEP upgraded to General and A.J. Degeyter KF5THS passed his Technician exam.
- Members introduced themselves and gave interesting contacts during July.

Minutes: The December minutes were not read as they were posted in the January LARC – accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: Joy Breaux gave the Treasurer's Report. Accepted on motion by Paul Scallan K5VSH, seconded by Nick Romero KE5MWX, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

It is time to pay dues of \$20.00 for 2013.

New Business:

Nomination Committee: Chairman, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, members Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Archie Hill W5AG, and Galen Wilson KF5BET.

The Executive Board meeting was held on January 3, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the Red Cross building.

The meeting was called to order by President Herman Campbell KN5GRK.

All board members plus any persons involved with the AARA Hamfest were asked to attend this meeting. This is a brief summary of what the meeting was about.

The nominating committee will present a proposed slate of officers and two (2) Members-at-Large for the Board of Directors [see Article VIII Section 1.B.1.] and if applicable, three (3) Members-at-Large will be presented at the January membership meeting each year. This slate will be published in the February issue of the LARC, the official journal of association. Nominations from the floor and the election will take place at the February membership meeting. Nominations presented by the nominating committee or from the floor must have the prior consent of the nominee. Elections held, new officers will be installed at the March meeting after the Hamfest.

2013 Hamfest: The 2013 Hamfest will be held at the Rayne Convention Center on March 8 – 9, 2013. Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, volunteered to be Chairman. Glen Thibodeaux KFR5FNP asked for some people to bring and set up the antenna on Friday. James Williams KF5RBW and Ric Wallace volunteered for the job.

There will be ARRL DXpedition DVD's for viewing in the snack bar area.

Jess Gillion KF5LUL will provide the PA system for Weston Hebert KB5WI for the Bingo.

Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD will help set up the Bingo room for the Flex Radio Forum at 1 p.m.

Nick Pugh K5QXJ will do the Fox Hunt at noon on Saturday.

Fred Marshall W5MLE will be in charge of the Radio Test table.

Karen Marshall KE5RPI will be in charge of the YL table.

Monday Night Net Report: Mark Saltzman W5GTI gave the Monday Night Net report for 2012. The 3 people with perfect attendance for the Monday Night Net, with 53 check-ins, were Greg Dolan K5LFT, Herman Campbell KN5GRK, and Net Manager Mark Saltzman W5GTI. Congratulations!!!

There being no further business, on motion by Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, seconded by Fred Marshall W5MLE, the meeting was adjourned.

Other Announcements: Herman Campbell KN5GRK spoke about the Refreshment List for 2013. We need members to sign up.

At the close of the meeting, we had Door Prizes and refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary

January 3rd, 2013 Board Meeting

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, 2013 Hamfest Chairman gave us an update on the 2013 Hamfest which will be held on March 8 – 9, 2013, at the Rayne Convention Center.

This was more or less to line up who will be handling tasks involved with the hamfest such as Ladies Bingo, Cajun Music, Forums, Registration Desk, Dealer &

Swap Tables, RV Registration, Food, and numerous other thing involved in this project.

More of our club members are getting involved in helping and everything so far looks "Sunny & Bright!".

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy LeBlanc, KE5KJF
AARA Secretary

GO-KIT DAY - Part 2

November 17, 2012

On November 17th, members of the *Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc.* met on the farm of member Ed Roy WA5TNK around 0900 to do a testing of their emergency radio communications Go-Kits. Ed's farm is located between Grand Coteau and Arnaudville on Hwy. 93. The weather was just perfect, not a cloud in the sky, a light jacket needed in the early part of the day but shirt sleeve weather around noon in this wide open space. Three separate Go-Kit stations showed up for this event and details of each will be included in the next issues of the LARC.

Purpose:

To gain experience setting up and operating your personal GO-KIT with "hands-on" experience. To check out different antenna configurations and power settings using emergency power

Objective:

To get an idea of what you will need to operate and sustain yourself in the field at times of a real emergency and too have fun with fellow hams, local & nationwide at this time.

This month we will feature another Go-Kit Day station setup. This will be the portable station of Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP. Glen used a Yaesu 857D All Band/All Mode XCVR with a LDG YT-100 tuner, a Yaesu MLS-100 speaker, a homemade lite weight NVIS dipole antenna for 80-10 meters and a Super Antenna MP-1 vertical for 10-40 meters all being switched with a Alpha Delta 2 position switch. The antenna mast consisted of surplus camo net poles mounted on a homemade receiver hitch extension. Power is from a Power Sonic 18AH SLAB. The radio, antenna tuner, antenna switch, speaker and Tigertronics SignalLink USB were all mounted in or on a TRC-1 radio carrier by TAC-COMM.



Some of the contacts made during the day from Glen's station are shown on the chart on the left from various parts of the country on 40 meters.

Glen used some inverted "V" PVC pipes using gravity to keep the antenna taught. Neat idea!

In the April issue of the LARC we will profile the Go-Kit of Dave Redfearn N4ELM.

| CALL: | QTH: | WATTS: | REPORT: | DISTANCE/MILES: |
|--------|--------------------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| AD5XJ | HOUma, LA | 15 | Q5 | 69 |
| N7INO | BASTROP, LA | 15 | 5/6-5/7 | 167 |
| KB5SDU | NATCHITOCHES, LA | 15 | Q5 | 117 |
| N5KXF | DENHAM SPRINGS, LA | 15 | 5/9 | 60 |
| WB8BZH | JACKSON, MS | 25 | 5/7-5/9 | 183 |

JANUARY 2013 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

| NET | SESSIONS: | TOTAL CHECK-INS: | TOTAL TRAFFIC: | TOTAL TIME: Minutes | Net Manager |
|---|-----------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club | 4 | 38 | Ø | 71 | N5LRZ Ray |
| AARA Monday Night Net | 4 | 61 | Ø | 110 | W5GTI Mark |
| Acadiana ARES Net | 5 | 30 | 2 | 90 | N5LRZ Ray |
| Kid's Thursday Night Net | 4 | 35 | 1 | 45 | KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra |
| HEAL Net *(M=Medical G=Guest) | 2 | 5M / 6G | Ø | 11 | KE5KJD Larry |

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

--- Will Rogers

BSA to Offer Amateur Radio Operator Rating Strip

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has approved an Amateur Radio Operator rating strip for Scouts and Scouters to wear on their uniforms. According to BSA Communication Services Director Jim Wilson, K5ND, the strip recognizes the Scout or Scouter's availability as an Amateur Radio operator for communication services for events and activities, as well as emergencies. All registered youth members and adult leaders who also hold a valid FCC-issued Amateur Radio license of any class are eligible to wear the rating strip.

"Last year, the BSA Awards and Insignia Committee introduced the Morse Code Interpreter Strip upon the recommendation of the BSA's National Radio Scouting Committee," Wilson told the ARRL. "We are always looking for ways to promote Amateur Radio, both within Scouting and to the world. The National Radio Scouting Committee thought this new Amateur Radio rating strip was a wonderful way to do exactly that, as it readily identifies to everyone that the wearer is a licensed radio amateur, prepared to be useful and to help others."

Wilson, who heads up the National Radio Scouting Committee, said that the Amateur Radio Operator rating strip is similar to the Amateur Radio Operator badge offered as a proficiency badge by Scouts Australia, as well as the badge recently introduced by Scouting Netherlands. It follows in the footsteps of the Scout Radioman personal interest badge for Senior Scouts and Explorer Scouts that was offered by the Boy Scouts of America in the 1940s. The strip is worn on the right sleeve (see illustration below).

Reprinted from ARRL Website

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

| | | |
|------|--------|--------|
| 2/7 | KB5TWL | MITCH |
| 2/11 | KF5SEP | JOSHUA |
| 2/16 | KD5NVC | GLENN |
| 2/24 | KD5JSM | DANNY |

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

February 2013 Special Events

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| Feb. 9 & 10 | Thomas A. Edison's Birthday - 1400Z-2000Z, NI8G, Milan, OH. |
| Feb. 9 | Women Marines Birthday, Boy Scouts of America Founded 1910 - 1700Z-2359Z, NI6IW, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV-41) Museum. |
| Feb. 16 | Astronaut and former Senator John H. Glenn, Jr, Local Hero - 1300Z-2100Z, W8VP, Cambridge, OH. Cambridge Amateur Radio Association. |
| Feb. 16 & 17 | George Washington Special Event - 1600Z-2100Z, K4US, Mount Vernon, VA. Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club. |
| Feb. 23 & 24 | Lost Dutchman Legend Celebration - 1430Z-0500Z, K7D, Apache Junction, AZ. Superstition Amateur Radio Club. |
| Feb. 23 | 68 th Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima - 1500Z-2200Z, W0FSB, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club. |
| Feb. 24 & 25 | North Carolina QSO Party - 1500Z-0059Z, W4C, Raleigh, NC. Raleigh Amateur Radio Society. |

Listings from the ARRL Website

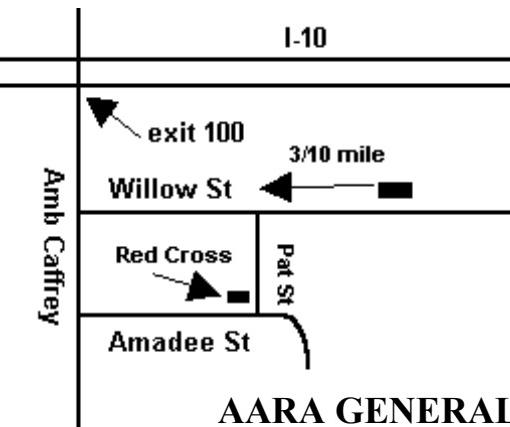
**CMA SUMMER CAMP**

The CMA will hold a one week summer camp on kit building and radio in general. The kids will learn how to solder, build a electric motor and a crystal set. The camp will be held the first week in June. Stay tuned for more details.

-Nick Pugh K5QXJ

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Share the Fun - Bring a Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING
Thursday February 7th, 2013 - 7:00 PM
Club Election Night
VE Testing at 6:00 PM
Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA
Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

**COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE**

Butch's Hot Sweet Pickles

By Butch Campbell - KN5GRK's Brother

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| 2 cups of sugar | 1 tbsp Tabasco sauce |
| 2 tbsp minced garlic | 1 tbsp crushed red pepper |
| 1 32 oz. jar of cheap sliced dill pickles | |

Dump out and drain the jar of pickles for about 10 minutes. Do not keep the juice.

Mix sugar, garlic, Tabasco, and red pepper in a bowl.

Put a layer of mix, then a layer of pickles back in the jar. Layer it until you get all back in the jar. Shake it about every 10 to 15 minutes, until all the sugar has turned into liquid.

Put in refrigerator over night.

VERRY GOOD!!

Send your favorite recipes to:
Herman KN5GRK
kn5grk@lusfiber.net

**I GAVE UP
PICKLES ONCE
IT WAS THE
WORST
FIVE MINUTES OF
MY LIFE**

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:
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